REMARKS

Claims 17-24 have been amended. Claims 1-24 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-16 are allowed. Applicants hereby request and acknowledge reopening of prosecution for the present application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Section 101 Rejection:

The Examiner rejected claims 17-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 17-24 have been amended to recite a "tangible computer-accessible medium". Withdrawal of the § 101 rejection is respectfully requested.

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

In regard to the allowance of claims 1-16, the Examiner refers to several portions of the specification of the present application. Applicants note that limitations from the specification should not be read into the claims. Applicants assert that the claims distinguish over the cited art based on the plain meaning of the language of the claims to one of ordinary skill in the art.

Information Disclosure Statement:

Applicants note that an information disclosure statement was submitted by mail on April 27, 2005. Applicants request the Examiner to carefully consider the listed references and return a copy of the signed, initialed and dated form PTO-1449.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-64200/RCK.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:
☐ Return Receipt Postcard
Petition for Extension of Time
☐ Notice of Change of Address
Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit in the amount of \$
for fees ().
Other:

Respectfully submitted,

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